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Among the Brethren.

The Horton Land and Lumber Com-
pany of Barfield, Ripley county, are
sinking a very deep well. A depth of
500 feet has already been obtained,
and it is the purpose of the company
to keep going until oil or some other
valuable thing is found. The Doni-
phan Prospect says the projectors are
"confident of striking oil or something
of sufficient value to repay them for
their trouble, and if they do not devel-
op anything satisfactory at a depth of
1000 feet they propose to go 1,500, or
even to 2000 feet below the surface.
We trust that their efforts may bear a
rich reward. If they strike oil, which
is not at all improbable, it will be the
greatest thing for Ripley county that
ever happened."

The Current Wave is responsible for
the following story: "Two men re-
siding in a neighboring township left
the Democratic and Republican parties
last spring and joined the Populists.
"Unscrupulous dishonesty on the parts
of the aforesaid old parties," said they,
"impelled the act and justified our so
doing." Those two were arrested and
brought before Justice Epstein and
will be tried next Saturday on a charge
of hog stealing."

Five new cases of small-pox at
Charleston last week.

The following, though uncredited
to the fanciful brain that brought it
forth, appears to be a favorite with
our Southeast brethren:

An exchange tells a charming story
of a man who went to sleep the other
day and dreamed that he was in a city
governed by women. It was scrup-
ulously clean, and, while walking
around, he saw three men arrested for
spitting on the pavements. A garbage
barrel at the rear of each lot was
hand painted and tied with blue rib-
bon. Mail boxes were decorated with
drawn work throws, and the fire plugs
had cushioned seats on top of them.
Sweet pea vines were climbing over
the electric light poles, and a hand
painted cupid occupied a promi-
nent place on every corner. There was
no business, not a team being al-
lowed to pass up and down the main
street for fear of making dust. The
town was deserted, save for the police-
men, who marched up and down to see
that no one with dusty shoes stepped
into town. During the dream a man
was hanged in the suburbs for being
out with the boys the night before.

Ste. Genevieve is going to have a
local mutual fire insurance company.

One section of the political situation
in Scott county is thus delineated by
the *Newsboy*:

"Say, Mr. Newsboy I want to run
for office," said a man as he entered
the office Tuesday. "Do you think
there is any chance for me?"

"Certainly, the field is open. What
office do you want?"

"Prosecuting attorney."

"Do you know any law?"

"Yes. Graduate and have had ten
years experience. Can give best of
reference."

"Then you can't be elected in this
county."

Our Salem brethren are not in ac-
cord, we regret to say. The terms
they apply to each other from week to
week are not endearing. On the con-
trary, "sanctimonious old hypocrite,"
"crank," "liar," etc., appear in un-
ending profusion. Let us hope they
may in the course of time get off the
ragged edge of angry epithet and bathe
their harrowed souls in the balsam of
gentle courtesy and mutual good-will.

On Sunday, the 2d inst., Duelling-
er's Hotel at New Madrid was burned
to the ground, and most of its contents
were destroyed. Loss \$5000; insurance
\$2000.

West Plains Gazette: "Major Brooks
was in the city to-day in the interest
of the proposed Houck road. Mr.
Brooks was seen by a number of busi-
ness men and was offered good induc-
ements to build the road through West
Plains. The surveyors are between here
and Mountain Home, Ark., and Col.
Monks will return with Mr. Brooks
and show him the best and most prac-
tical route for the road."

Brother Chew, always lively and
entertaining, is at times exceedingly
facetious—frequently at the expense
of the REGISTER; but occasionally the
shafts of his nimble wit strike with
greater justice nearer home. Last
week he said: "We anxiously hope
that the forth-coming write-up of Fred-
ericktown will not contain photograp-
hic reproductions of our ancient tem-
ple of justice, the crazy foot-bridge on
North Main St., or the list of delin-
quent subscribers to Marvin Collegiate
Institute."

Judge Green last week declared the
Wayne county circuit clerk's office vac-
ant, and appointed J. B. McGhee,
vice Mr. Franklin removed. The latter
gentleman, says the *Journal*, "has
neglected his office, the records are in
bad shape, the circuit court record not
having been made up for last court."

Our exchanges all over the South-
east are unanimous in the declaration

that the ground-hog did not see his
shadow on the 2d.

The Bossier Banner, Benton, La.,
comes to us asking an exchange, with
which request we comply with pleas-
ure.

The De Soto Facts is one of the most
neatly printed papers that comes to
this office. It is worthy in this respect
of the largest city in Southeast Mis-
souri.

A gay Lothario, who on the 2d of
January wrote himself down in the
City Hotel register, De Soto, "Bert
McGraw, Paso del Norte, Mexico," has
come to grief. After a ten days' court-
ship he married the landlady's
daughter. Two weeks later he left
his new-made wife with her mother
and went to Lutesville "on important
business." Three days after his ar-
rival he had mashed the daughter of
the landlady to such an extent that
she eloped with him and went over to
Scott county. At Benton they tried
to procure a marriage license, but the
clerk thought the girl too young-look-
ing (she is sweet sixteen), and refused
to issue the necessary document. In
the meantime officers from Bollinger
county got on the track of the run-
aways, and succeeded in arresting them
the same day. The "gent" is in
jail at Fredericktown; the young girl
is home with her parents. A whole
lot of misery has piled up for several
families since the eventual 2d, but a
low-down scoundrel is in durance vile,
with a good chance of getting his dues;
and that's some comfort.

The fine new Farmington Hotel is
advertised to be sold under deed of
trust on the 19th inst.

The exposure to all sorts and condi-
tions of weather that a lumberman is
called upon to endure in the camps of
ten produce severe colds which, if not
promptly checked, result in congestion
or pneumonia. Mr. J. O. Davenport,
ex-manager of the Fort Bragg Red-
wood Co., an immense institution at
Fort Bragg, Cal., says they sell large
quantities of Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy at the company's store and
that he has himself used this remedy
for a severe cold and obtained immedi-
ate relief. This medicine prevents any
tendency of a cold toward pneumonia
and insures a prompt recovery. For
sale by all dealers.

Missouri is Excluded.

The building of a new Court House
in this county has brought to light
some facts in regard to building stone
that is of interest to the public. As
long ago as 1850 Prof. Broadhead,
then State Geologist, called attention
to the excellent quality of the building
stone and granite to be found in this
State in inexhaustible quantities.
Building stone can be found in many
localities and granite of superior qual-
ity in Southeast Missouri. These state-
ments have been repeated time and
again of recent years by the State Geo-
logical Corps of Missouri, and also by
builders and practical stone cutters,
whose opinion is worth more than that
of the geologists.

But in spite of this testimony nearly
all public stone or granite buildings
are constructed of material brought
from other States. The Federal build-
ing in this city is constructed of In di-
ana stone and the Custom House in St.
Louis of granite from Maine, when
better granite could have been secured
in Southeast Missouri. It is doubtful
if there is a Missouri stone above the
foundation in the State University. Of
all the public buildings of any impor-
tance in the State constructed of stone
or granite, the State Capitol stands
like a blazed tree in a great clearing to
represent Missouri products. It is con-
structed entirely of Missouri stone; but
this was the result of the determina-
tion of the State Commissioners that
it should be constructed of Missouri
material.

Before the public jumps at the con-
clusion that the architects, contractors
and builders of the State are preju-
diced against Missouri material it
would be well enough to make some in-
quiries. True, some people never re-
gard anything they can get at home as
being as good as even an inferior arti-
cle from a distance, but they are not
in a majority, by any means. Archi-
tects and contractors and builders are
sensible men, and they know that the
item of cost is what figures in build-
ings, and it is an indisputable fact
that the item of cost is what figures in
buildings, and it is an indisputable fact
that the Missouri quarries will not fur-
nish material as cheap and the rail-
roads will not transport it as cheap as
material from other states. It does
not cost as much to ship a car load of
coal from the mines in Pennsylvania to
St. Louis as it does to ship it from St.
Louis to Jefferson City, a distance of
125 miles. Doubtless the same differ-
ence exists in regard to stone and gran-
ite. The addition to the State Capitol
was constructed out of stone obtained

near Warrensburg, a distance of some
seventy miles, and yet equally as good
building stone could have been ob-
tained from Bedford, Ind., at a less
cost to the contractor.

These facts may open the eyes of the
public as to why Missouri building
stone and granite is so seldom used.
Here we have a State that is blessed
with the finest building stone and gran-
ite to be found anywhere in the United
States, and yet neither can be pur-
chased as cheap as the same material
1,000 miles away. As a matter of fact,
every person east of the Mississippi
river has an advantage over people in
Missouri in the matter of freight trans-
portation rates. It probably costs as
much to ship granite from Iron county
in this State to St. Louis as from Maine,
or nearly so. Of course, the railroads
in Missouri cannot afford to give the
people low transportation rates. They
say so themselves, and this settles it.
They can always manage to convince
the Legislature that bankruptcy would
be the certain result of a reduction in
rates, and lawmakers who travel on
railroad passes are enabled to solve
many freight-rate problems to the pe-
cuniary advantage of the generous do-
nors of the passes. Moreover, it is
claimed the proprietors of the quarries
want too large a profit.

At all events, Missouri products are
ground between the upper and nether
millstone and money that should stay
right at home goes abroad. The press
may howl itself hoarse praising Mis-
souri building stone and granite, but
mere talk will not beat the present
combination. Missouri products are
not in the contest. Except in local in-
stances, the splendid Missouri quarries
might as well be located at the base of
the Pyramids of Egypt, so far as sup-
plying the wants of the State in gener-
al are concerned.—K. C. Times.

Danger for Americans in Havana.

A message of last Monday from Ja-
maica conveyed us the news that a Brit-
ish war ship was hastily despatched
that day from the port of Kingston
bound for Havana. The belief there
is that it was sent to Havana for the
purpose of protecting the lives and prop-
erty of British subjects in the event
of a revolt of the Spanish volunteers
who, at this time, constitute the main
part of the Havana garrison.

It is a fitting time to remark that
there are also American citizens and
American property in Havana. We
had a despatch from there in Tuesday's
Sun that these American citizens had
become "alarmed as to their safety." The
despatch also said that the Span-
ish organs in Havana contained bitter
articles against the Americans, and
that Spanish officials had publicly de-
clared that the United States are to
blame for all the troubles of Spain in
Cuba. We quote further from the des-
patch:

"American citizens who are mer-
chants, business men, professional
men, and who are permanent residents
here [in Havana], are very much
worked up over the outlook. They
would feel much more secure if one of
Uncle Sam's war ships was anchored
in the harbor."

Beyond a doubt there is danger of
serious trouble in Havana. We have
had much news relative to the excite-
ment and discontent that exist there.
The business of the place is protracted;
the ordinary supplies cannot be pro-
cured; the people are wrought up by
the frequent publication of bulletins of
battles fought not far from the city.
The Spaniards do not trust the armed
volunteers, most of whom are natives
of Cuba or permanent residents there.
There are in the city thousands of sym-
patizers with the revolution, the more
outspoken of whom are in prison. The
Spanish conservatives, those who
compelled the Madrid Government to
withdraw Martinez Campos, are irritat-
ed beyond measure on account of
Spain's failure in the war and the de-
struction of their plantations by the in-
surgents. The force of Spanish troops
in the city has within a fortnight been
largely reduced by Gen. Marin, who
has ordered many regiments to the
west, and other regiments to the trocha
between Havana and Batabano, and
yet other regiments to the various
places at which Gomez and Antonio
Maceo appear from time to time with
their forces.

Under the circumstances that exist
at Havana no one need be surprised if
we receive news from there of a kind
which would approve the wisdom of
England's provision for the protection
of her subjects there, and also the de-
sirability of a proper American provi-
sion for the protection of American
citizens there resident and American
interests there endangered.

England has made preparations to
meet any contingency at Havana. Her
navy is on the watch there. She does
not wait till an evil thing is overpast.
She does not wait for our Government.

She seems to be free from any alarm
lest Spain may misconstrue her act.
On Tuesday last we printed a report
of an interview which a *Sun* reporter
held with Bishop John P. Newman,
who has just returned to this country
Cuba, and who is a man well acquaint-
ed with affairs there. He saw many
evidences of Spanish weakness in Ha-
vana, which place he spoke of as a
"weakhold for the Government
forces." He ascertained that a large
proportion of the population there are
secretly, if not openly, hostile to Spain.
He observed the lack of military dis-
cipline among the Spanish troops. He
expressed the opinion that a good-sized
body of insurgents could capture the
city. He came to the conclusion
that there must very soon be some
kind of a change at Havana, for, said
he, "affairs cannot remain long as
they are at present."

Bishop Newman's observations in
Cuba were in perfect agreement with
the advices which we have received
from trustworthy sources. It is no
wonder that Americans at Havana say
they "would feel much more secure if
one of Uncle Sam's war ships was an-
chored in the harbor."

If trouble shall come, as it may come
any day, at Havana; if the hostile ele-
ments there shall become embroiled
with each other; if the volunteers
shall manifest the disloyalty which
surely exists in their ranks; if Spain
shall be unable to preserve order at
the Cuban capital with such of her
troops as are yet stationed there; if the
lives and property of the American
citizens living in Havana shall be im-
perilled, we trust it will then be seen
by the American people that our Gov-
ernment has made all necessary provi-
sion for the protection of these citi-
zens. England guards the rights of
her subjects at Havana; and surely
the United States ought to be not less
watchful of the rights of peaceful
Americans there.—N. Y. Sun.

Events of the Coming Year.

The coming year will be a period
memorable in the history of the world,
if but a part of the plans of the United
States Government and European na-
tions is carried out. In the United
States there will be the liveliest
presidential campaign ever held, and
the Fifty-fourth Congress, now in ses-
sion, will furnish exceedingly interest-
ing debates on the tariff and financial
question until June. There will be
several exciting State elections and
many great political speeches. Every-
one will watch with interest the pro-
gress of the Venezuelan Commissioners'
inquiry, the results of the wars in Cu-
ba, in South Africa, in Turkey, and
the outcome of other complications now
arising in the old world.

It is a remarkable coincidence that
at the beginning of a year of such rich
promise of stirring news the greatest
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